

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Examiner rejected claims 1-20 as being anticipated by Beyda alone or in combination with Haserodt.

The present invention as claimed is essentially an internet telephony endpoint device with a built-in personal feature server. As discussed in the subject patent application beginning at page 7, line 32, each subscriber can have a personal feature server that can be configured and managed by the subscriber and that operates independently of other feature servers. In this respect, the feature servers are modular in that there is no central management of the feature servers and feature servers can be easily added and removed from the network. Thus, each subscriber can configure his or her own personal feature server (e.g., one person might configure his or her personal feature server to forward an incoming call to his or her secretary after three rings; the secretary might configure his or her personal feature server to forward an incoming call to a designated backup during lunch break) without the need for a central feature server and without centralized management as would typically be required with a PBX.

Beyda does not teach or otherwise suggest such an internet telephony device with personal feature server. Rather, Beyda describes the use of centralized feature servers that are accessed by multiple user terminals in order to configure the user terminals. Configuration information is stored at the feature server, and each user terminal sends configuration requests to the feature server in order to obtain configuration information. This is clearly described in Beyda at paragraph [0019]. Thus, Beyda does not teach or otherwise suggest an internet telephony device having a telephone interface and a controller implementing a personal internet telephony feature server for directing telephone calls and managing telephone services, as required by claims 1 and 11 of the subject patent application.

Haserodt relates to a web-based technique for selecting internet telephony features from a centralized service. Thus, Haserodt does not teach or otherwise suggest an internet telephony device as claimed in the subject patent application.

Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that all claims are patentable over Beyda both alone and in combination with Haserodt. The Applicant respectfully requests early allowance of the application. The Applicant requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned, Jeffrey T. Klayman, if it will assist further examination of this application.

The applicants do not believe any extension of time is required for timely consideration of this response. In the event that an extension has been overlooked, this conditional petition of extension is hereby submitted, and Applicants request that deposit account number 19-4972 be charged for any fees that may be required for the timely consideration of this application.

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